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# **Embalmer California Law Examination**

# **CANDIDATE HANDBOOK**



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# FOR MORE INFORMATION

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SCHEDULING INFORMATION	
Date Scheduled:	
Name of Scheduler:	-
Date of Exam:	
Time of Exam:	
Test Site Location:	

## **PURPOSE**

This handbook serves as your notice of eligibility and is designed to provide you with general information regarding the Embalmer examination processes and content.

# **EXAMINATIONS BY PSI**

The State has contracted with PSI to conduct its examination program. PSI provides examinations through a network of computer examination centers in California.

All questions regarding the scheduling and administration of examinations should be directed to PSI.

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All other questions about examinations should be directed to the Cemetery & Funeral Bureau (CFB).

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# **APPLICATION PROCESS**

### **APPLICATION AND ELIGIBILTY**

Within 7 days of receipt, the CFB will notify the applicant in writing regarding the status of his or her application. If the application is incomplete, the letter will specify what additional information the applicant must provide. Once the application is deemed complete, the CFB will notify PSI that the applicant meets the requirements for candidacy and is eligible to sit for the examination.

## ABANDONMENT OF APPLICATION

In accordance with Title 16, California Code of Regulations Section 1254, the CFB considers an application abandoned if a candidate fails to take the examination within 1 year after being notified of eligibility. Failure to appear at a scheduled examination without prior notice is also considered abandonment. In the event of abandonment, a candidate must submit a new application to the CFB with the required fee and meet all requirements at the time of filing. Application fees are not reimbursed when an application is abandoned.

# EXAMINATION SCHEDULING PROCEDURES

Once you have been approved by CFB, you are responsible for contacting PSI to schedule an appointment to take the examination. You may do so via the Internet at

www.psiexams.com, or schedule over the telephone at (877) 392-6422.

■ FIRST TIME EXAMINEES: Examination eligibility expires, and an application is deemed abandoned, if the applicant fails to sit for examination within one year after being notified of eligibility.

In most California testing centers, testing does not take place on the following major holidays:

Thanksgiving	Closed November 24-27, 2011
Christmas	Closed December 24-26, 2011
New Years	Closed December 31-January 2, 2012
Memorial Day	Closed May 26-28, 2012
Independence Day	Closed July 4, 2012
Labor Day	Closed September 1-3, 2012
Thanksgiving	Closed November 22-25, 2012
Christmas	Closed December 25, 2012
New Years	Closed January 1, 2013

#### INTERNET SCHEDULIING

You may schedule for your examination by completing the online Test Registration Form. The Test Registration Form is available at PSI's website, <a href="www.psiexams.com">www.psiexams.com</a>. You may schedule for an examination via the Internet 24 hours a day.

- Complete the registration form online and submit your information to PSI via the Internet.
- Upon completion of the online registration form, you will be given the available dates for scheduling your examination.
- You will need to choose a date to complete your registration.
- Upon successful registration, you will receive a traceable confirmation number.

#### **TELEPHONE SCHEDULING**

PSI has two scheduling methods available if you wish to schedule by telephone. First, call PSI at (877) 392-6422, 24 hours a day and schedule using the Automated Registration System. Second, if you wish to contact a live operator, use this same telephone number to contact PSI registrars Monday through Friday between 4:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., Pacific Time, to schedule your appointment for the examination.

#### CANCELING AN EXAMINATION APPOINTMENT

You may cancel and re-schedule an examination appointment without forfeiting your fee *if your cancellation notice is received 2 days prior to the scheduled examination date.* For example, for a Monday appointment, the cancellation notice would need to be received on the previous Saturday. You may call PSI at (877) 392-6422. Please note that you may also use the automated system, using a touch-tone phone, 24 hours a day in order to cancel and re-schedule your appointment.

Note: A voice mail message is not an acceptable form of cancellation. Please use the internet, automated telephone system, or call PSI and speak to a Customer Service Representative.

#### MISSED APPOINTMENT OR LATE CANCELLATION

If you miss your appointment, you will not be able to take the examination as scheduled, further you will forfeit your examination fee, if:

- You do not cancel your appointment 2 days before the scheduled examination date;
- You do not appear for your examination appointment;
- You arrive after examination start time;
- You do not present proper identification when you arrive for the examination.

#### **RE-EXAMINATION**

Candidates who fail are eligible to re-take this examination. A new application will be provided with the score report at the test center, or may be obtained by contacting the CFB.

To apply for re-examination, candidates must complete a new application and submit it to the CFB with the correct fee. A notice confirming your eligibility for re-examination will be sent approximately 90 days from the date of the last examination. Candidates are permitted to take the examination four times in a 12-month period.

## Sample Scenario:

• Danny received notice of eligibility to take the written examination on 1/18/07. He must take the written examination no later than 1/18/08.

#### **EXAMINATION SITE CLOSING FOR AN EMERGENCY**

In the event that severe weather or another emergency forces the closure of an examination site on a scheduled examination date, your examination will be re-scheduled. PSI personnel will attempt to contact you in this situation. However, you may check the status of your examination schedule by calling (877) 392-6422. Every effort will be made to re-schedule your examination at a convenient time as soon as possible. You will not be penalized. You will be re-scheduled at no additional charge.

# **EXAMINATION SITE LOCATIONS**

The California examinations are administered at the PSI examination centers in California as listed below:

#### **ANAHEIM**

2301 W. LINCOLN AVE, SUITE 252 ANAHEIM, CA 92801 (714) 254-1453

DIRECTIONS FROM LA: TAKE 5 SOUTH EXIT BROOKHURST AND TURN RIGHT. TURN RIGHT ON LINCOLN (PASS A SMALL STREET NAMED MONTEREY), AND GO TO THE FIRST OPEN DRIVEWAY ON THE RIGHT.

(ORANGE COUNTY) DIRECTIONS FROM SAN DIEGO, IRVINE, MISSION VIEJO, ETC: TAKE 5N EXIT BROOKHURST AND TURN LEFT. TURN RIGHT ONTO LINCOLN (PASS A SMALL STREET NAMED MONTEREY) AND GO TO THE FIRST OPEN DRIVEWAY ON THE RIGHT.

IF BROOKHURST EXIT IS CLOSED: TAKE 5 N EXIT EUCLID AND TURN LEFT. TURN RIGHT ON LINCOLN (PASS BROOKHURST AND SMALL STREET NAMED MONTEREY) AND GO TO THE FIRST OPEN DRIVEWAY ON THE RIGHT.

\*\*\*\*KEEP IN MIND THAT THE EUCLID EXIT COMES FIRST AND THEN BROOKHURST. \*\*\*\*

OR 91 FREEWAY: TAKE 91 W EXIT BROOKHURST AND TURN LEFT. TURN RIGHT ONTO LINCOLN (PASS A SMALL STREET NAMED MONTEREY) AND GO TO THE FIRST OPEN DRIVEWAY ON THE RIGHT.

#### **ATASCADERO**

7305 MORRO RD, SUITE 201A ATASCADERO, CA 93422 (805) 462-8983

FROM US-101 N, TAKE THE CA-41 EXIT- EXIT 219-TOWARD MORRO RD. TURN LEFT ONTO EL CAMINO REAL. Turn LEFT onto CA-41/MORRO RD.

FROM US-101 S, TAKE THE MORRO RD/CA-41 EXIT- EXIT 219, TURN RIGHT ONTO CA-41/MORRO RD.

#### **BAKERSFIELD**

5405 STOCKDALE HIGHWAY, SUITE 206

BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309

(661) 398-9354

FROM 1-5 S, TAKE THE STOCKDALE HWY EXIT (253). TURN LEFT ONTO STOCKDALE HWY.

FROM 1-5 N TOWARD BAKERSFIELD, KEEP LEFT TO TAKE CA-99 N VIA EXIT (221) TOWARD BAKERSFIELD/FRESNO. TAKE THE CA-58 E EXIT TOWARD TEHACHAPI/MOJAVE. TAKE THE EXIT ON THE LEFT TOWARD CAL STATE UNIV/STOCKDALE HWY/BRUNDAGE LANE. TURN LEFT ONTO WIBLE RD. TURN SLIGHT LEFT ONTO STOCKDALE HWY.

#### CARSON

17420 S. AVALON BLVD, SUITE 205

CARSON, CA 90746

(310) 217-1066

FROM CA-91 E/GARDENA FWY TAKE THE AVALON EXIT. OFF RAMP WILL LEAD YOU ONTO ALBERTONI ST. MAKE A RIGHT ONTO AVALON BLVD AND WE ARE LOCATED ON THE RIGHT HANDSIDE (SAME PARKING LOT AS CARL'S JR).

FROM CA-91 W TAKE THE AVALON EXIT. MAKE A LEFT ONTO AVALON BLVD. MAKE A U-TURN ON AVALON BLVD AND ALBERTONI ST. WE ARE LOCATED ON THE RIGHT HAND SIDE. (SAME PARKING LOT AS CARL'S JR).

#### **EL MONTE**

9420 TELSTAR, SUITE 138

EL MONTE, CA 91731

(626) 442-4112

FROM 1-10 E TOWARD SAN BERNARDINO, MERGE ONTO ROSEMEAD/CA 19 S TOWARD LONG BEACH. TURN LEFT ONTO E. TELSTAR AVE.

FROM I-10 W TOWARD LOS ANGELES, TAKE THE ROSEMEAD BLVD/CA-19 EXIT TOWARD PASADENA. TAKE THE ROSEMEAD BLVD RAMP TOWARD LONG BEACH. MERGE ONTO ROSEMEAD BLVD/CA-19 S. TAKE A LEFT ONTO E. TELSTAR AVE.

### **FRESNO**

351 E. BARSTOW, SUITE 101

FRESNO, CA 93710

(559) 221-9006

FROM CA-41 S, TAKE THE BULLARD AVE EXIT. TURN LEFT ONTO E BULLARD AVE. TURN RIGHT ONTO N FRESNO ST. PASS THROUGH THE INTERSECTION OF FRESNO AND BASTOW AVE. TAKE THE FIRST DRIVEWAY ON THE RIGHT HAND SIDE.

FROM CA-41 N, TAKE THE SHAW AVE EXIT TOWARD CLOVIS. TURN RIGHT ONTO E SHAW AVE. TURN LEFT ONTO N FRESNO ST. TURN LEFT INTO THE LAST DRIVEWAY BEFORE BARSTOW AVE.

TESTING CENTER IS IN THE OFFICE COMPLEX ON THE SW CORNER OF BARSTOW AND FRESNO ST.



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#### **HAYWARD**

24301 SOUTHLAND DRIVE, SUITE B-1 HAYWARD, CA 94545

(510) 784-1114

FROM I-880 N TOWARD OAKLAND, TAKE THE WINTON AVENUE EXIT. MERGE ONTO W WINTON AVE TOWARD HEALD COLLEGE. TURN LEFT ONTO SOUTHI AND DR.

FROM I-880 S TOWARD SAN JOSE/SAN MATEO BR, TAKE THE WINTON AVE WEST EXIT TOWARD HEALD COLLEGE. MERGE ONTO W WINTON AVE. TURN LEFT ONTO SOUTHLAND DR.

#### REDDING

2861 CHURN CREEK, UNIT C REDDING, CA 96002 (530) 221-0945

FROM 1-5 S, TAKE THE CYPRESS AVENUE EXIT (677). TURN RIGHT ONTO E. CYPRESS AVE. TURN RIGHT ON CHURN CREEK RD.

FROM I-5 N TOWARDS SACRAMENTO. TAKE THE CYPRESS AVE EXIT (677). TURN LEFT ONTO E. CYPRESS AVE. TURN RIGHT ONTO CHURN CREEK RD.

FROM 299 E TOWARDS REDDING, START GOING WEST ON CA-299. MERGE ONTO 1-5 S RAMP ON THE LEFT TOWARDS SACRAMENTO. TAKE THE CYPRESS AVE EXIT (677). TURN LEFT ONTO E. CYPRESS AVE. TURN RIGHT ONTO CHURN CREEK RD.

FROM 299 W TOWARDS REDDING. START GOING EAST ON CA-299 TOWARDS WEAVERVILLE/REDDING. FROM 299 EAST TURN RIGHT ONTO CA-273/CA-299 E/MARKET STREET. TURN LEFT ONTO CA-299-E. MERGE ONTO 1-5 S VIA EXIT 2A TOWARDS RED BLUFF/SACRAMENTO. TAKE THE CYPRESS AVE EXIT (677). TURN LEFT ONTO E. CYPRESS AVE. TURN RIGHT ONTO CHURN CREEK RD.

#### **RIVERSIDE**

RIVERSIDE TECHNOLOGY BUSINESS PARK 1660 CHICAGO AVE, SUITE M-15 RIVERSIDE, CA 92507 (951) 680-9720

FROM I-215 N TOWARD RIVERSIDE/SAN BERNARDINO, TAKE THE COLUMBIA AVENUE EXIT. TURN RIGHT ONTO E LA CADENA DR. TURN LEFT ONTO COLUMBIA AVE. TURN RIGHT ONTO CHICAGO AVE. LEFT ONTO MARLBOROUGH AVE AND END AT 1660 CHICAGO AVENUE.

FROM I-215 S TOWARD SAN BERNARDINO/RIVERSIDE, TAKE THE EXIT TOWARD COLUMBIA AVENUE. TURN SLIGHT RIGHT ONTO INTERCHANGE DR. TURN LEFT ONTO PRIMER ST. TURN LEFT ONTO COLUMBIA AVE. TURN RIGHT ONTO CHICAGO AVE. TURN LEFT ONTO MARLBOROUGH AVE AND END AT 1660 CHICAGO AVENUE.

## **SACRAMENTO**

9719 LINCOLN VILLAGE DR. **BUILDING 100, SUITE 100** SACRAMENTO, CA 95827

(916) 363-6455

FROM SAN FRANCISCO/VALLEJO ON I-80 E, TAKE US-50 E TOWARD SACRAMENTO/SOUTH LAKE TAHOE. TAKE BRADSHAW ROAD, EXIT 13, TURN RIGHT ONTO BRADSHAW ROAD. TURN IMMEDIATE LEFT ONTO LINCOLN VILLAGE DR.

#### SAN DIEGO

5440 MOREHOUSE DRIVE, SUITE 3300 SAN DIEGO, CA 92121 (858) 658-0786

FROM 1-805 S, TAKE THE SORRENTO VALLEY RD/MIRA MESA BLVD EXIT. TURN LEFT ONTO MIRA MESA BLVD, TURN LEFT ONTO SCRANTON ROAD. TURN RIGHT ONTO MOREHOUSE DRIVE.

FROM I-805 N TOWARD LOS ANGELES, TAKE THE MIRA MESA BLVD/VISTA SORRENTO PKWY EXIT. TURN RIGHT ONTO MIRA MESA TURN LEFT ONTO SCRANTON RD. TURN RIGHT ONTO BI VD. MOREHOUSE DR.

ADDITIONAL PARKING CAN BE FOUND (on top of the AT&T building) BY CONTINUING ON MOREHOUSE PAST OUR BUILDING AND TURNING LEFT AT THE NEXT DRIVEWAY UP THE HILL

#### SANTA ROSA

160 WIKIUP DRIVE, SUITE 105 SANTA ROSA, CA 95403 (707) 544-6723

FROM US-101 N, TAKE MARK WEST SPRINGS/RIVER ROAD EXIT. TURN RIGHT ON MARK WEST SPRINGS. TURN LEFT AT OLD REDWOOD HIGHWAY. TURN RIGHT ON WIKIUP DRIVE. FIRST DRIVEWAY ON RIGHT.

FROM US-101 S, TAKE MARK WEST SPRINGS/RIVER ROAD EXIT. TURN LEFT ON MARK WEST SPRINGS. TURN LEFT AT OLD REDWOOD HIGHWAY. TURN RIGHT ON WIKIUP DRIVE. FIRST DRIVEWAY ON RIGHT.

#### SANTA CLARA

2936 SCOTT BLVD SANTA CLARA, CA 95054 (408) 844-0004

FROM US-101 N, TAKE THE SAN TOMAS EXPWY/MONTAGUE EXPWY EXIT- EXIT 392. TAKE THE SAN TOMAS EXPWY RAMP. MERGE ONTO SAN TOMAS EXPY/CR-G4. TURN LEFT ONTO SCOTT BLVD.

FROM I-880 S TOWARD SAN JOSE, TAKE THE MONTAGUE EXPWY EXIT TAKE THE MONTAGUE EXPWY WEST RAMP. MERGE ONTO MONTAGUE EXPY/CR-G4 E. TURN LEFT ONTO E TRIMBLE RD. TRIMBLE RD BECOMES DE LA CRUZ BLVD. TURN SLIGHT RIGHT ONTO CENTRAL EXPY/CR-G6 W. TURN SLIGHT RIGHT ONTO SCOTT BLVD.

# SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS **AVAILABLE**

All examination sites are physically accessible to individuals with disabilities. Scheduling services are also available via our Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) by calling 800-790-3926.

The CFB and PSI recognize their responsibilities under the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act and the California Fair Employment and Housing Act by providing testing accommodations or auxiliary aids or services for candidates who substantiate the need due to a physical or mental disability or qualified medical condition.

Candidates whose primary language is not English may also qualify for accommodations.

Requests for accommodation must be received with your completed examination application. Accommodations that fundamentally alter the measurement of the skills or knowledge the examinations are intended to test will not be granted.

Accommodations will not be provided at the examination site unless prior approval by the CFB has been granted. Reasonable, appropriate, and effective accommodations may be requested by submitting a "Request for Accommodation" package. This package is available by contacting the CFB or online at www.cfb.ca.gov/formspubs/exam accommodations.pdf. not call PSI to schedule your examination until you have received written notification from the CFB regarding your request for accommodations.

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# REPORTING TO THE EXAMINATION SITE

On the day of the examination, you must arrive at least 30 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment time. This allows time for check-in and identification verification and provides time to familiarize yourself with the examination process. If you arrive late, you may not be admitted to the examination site and you may forfeit your examination registration fee. Even though candidates will be thumb printed, you are still required to comply with any identification requirements established by the appropriate regulatory entity.

#### REQUIRED IDENTIFICATION AT EXAMINATION SITE

You must provide one of the following valid forms of government-issued identification before you may examine:

- A photographic Driver's License (any state)
- State identification card (any state)
- U.S. military identification
- Valid passport any country (valid foreign passport with valid record of arrival/departure - Form I-94 or processed form I-551 stamped in a valid foreign passport)

All photographs must be recognizable as the person to whom the identification card was issued. The name on the application must match the photographic I.D. card. If you have recently changed your name with the CFB, you may want to contact PSI to verify that they have the correct same name on file.

If you cannot provide the required identification, you must call (877) 392-6422 at least 3 weeks prior to your scheduled appointment to arrange a way to meet this security requirement. Failure to provide all of the required identification at the time of the examination without notifying PSI is considered a missed appointment, and you will not be able to take the examination and you will forfeit your examination registration fee.

#### CALIFORNIA LAW SECURITY PROCEDURES

Section 123 of the California Business and Professions Code states: It is a misdemeanor for any person to engage in any conduct which subverts or attempts to subvert any licensing examination or the administration of an examination, including, but not limited to:

- Conduct which violates the security of the examination materials;
- Removing from the examination room any examination materials without authorization;
- The unauthorized reproduction by any means of any portion of the actual licensing examination;
- Aiding by any means the unauthorized reproduction of any portion of the licensing examination;
- Paying or using professional or paid examination-takers for the purpose of reconstructing any portion of the licensing examination;
- Obtaining examination questions or other examination material, except by specific authorization either before, during, or after an examination; or

- Selling, distributing, buying, receiving, or having unauthorized possession of any portion of a future, current, or previously administered licensing examination.
- Communicating with any other examinee during the administration of a licensing examination.
- Copying answers from another examinee or permitting one's answers to be copied by another examinee.
- Having in one's possession during the administration of the licensing examination any books, equipment, notes, written or printed materials, or data of any kind, other than the examination materials distributed, or otherwise authorized to be in one's possession during the examination.
- Impersonating any examinee or having an impersonator take the licensing examination on one's behalf.

Nothing in this section shall preclude prosecution under authority provided for in any other provision of law. In addition to any other penalties, a person found guilty of violating this section, shall be liable for the actual damages sustained by the agency administering the examination not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) and the costs of litigation. (For the full text of Section 123, please see Appendix A).

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT TAKING AN EXAMINATION

- 1. All candidates will have their thumbprint taken during examination check-in and re-entry into the testing room after an approved absence. If a candidate passes the examination, the thumbprint record will be destroyed. If a candidate abandons his or her application for licensure, as determined by the appropriate regulatory authority, the thumbprint will also be destroyed. If a candidate is unsuccessful, the thumbprint record will be retained by PSI to ensure proper identification on any subsequent examination attempts. If the thumbprint doesn't match upon exit and re-entry, the candidate shall be disqualified from the examination, his or her test results invalidated, and the appropriate regulatory entity will be notified of the occurrence. The taking of the thumbprint is an additional measure to enhance examination security. Department of Consumer Affairs, Office of Professional Examination Services shall ensure that the appropriate safeguards for the storage and destruction of the thumbprint records are in place.
- 2. The temperature in the testing room is maintained at a moderate level. Candidates are advised to layer clothing. Acceptable layered clothing includes lightweight shirts, sweaters, and pullovers without pockets. These items must be worn upon check-in, while you wait to enter the testing room, and during your initial seating for the examination.
- There are timing mechanisms available at the test site and on the computer console to help candidates keep track of time during the test administration. Watches or other timekeeping devices are not permitted in the examination rooms.

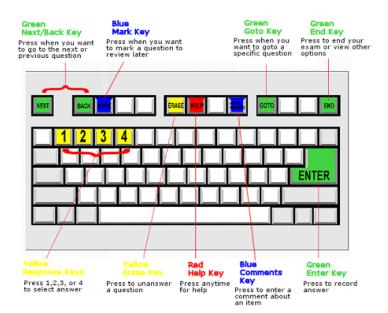
- 4. Only one candidate will be allowed to take a restroom break at a time. Candidates are required to sign out when you leave the room and when you return. If a candidate's restroom break takes longer than 5 (five) minutes, a proctor will check on the candidate and will notify the applicable regulatory entity of the occurrence, which will take appropriate action.
- 5. The following items are not permitted in the examination rooms:
  - Cellular telephones, personal digital assistants (PDAs), recording devices, cameras, pagers, purses, notebooks, notebook computers, reference or readings material, music players, radios, electronic games, calculators, or briefcases.
  - Personal items including watches, backpacks, wallets, pens, pencils, or other writing devices, food, drinks (unless prior approval is obtained by your regulatory entity) and good-luck items.
  - Hats, baseball caps, or visors (with the exception of religious apparel), coats, shawls, hooded clothing, heavy jackets or overcoats.

During the check-in process, all candidates will be asked if they possess any of the prohibited items and all candidates will be asked to empty their pockets. If prohibited items are found during check-in, candidates shall return these items to their vehicle or other place of safekeeping. Neither PSI, nor the Department of Consumer Affairs, shall be responsible for the items. Any candidate possessing the prohibited items in the examination room shall have his or her test results invalidated, and PSI shall notify the appropriate regulatory entity of the occurrence.

6. Copying or communicating examination content is a violation of PSI security policy and existing law. Either one shall result in the disqualification or invalidation of examination results, the denial of your license, and may subject the candidate to criminal prosecution.

# TAKING THE EXAMINATION BY COMPUTER

Taking the PSI examination by computer is simple. You do not need any computer experience or typing skills. You will use fewer keys than you use on a touch-tone telephone. All response keys are colored and have prominent characters. An illustration of the special keyboard is shown.



### **IDENTIFICATION SCREEN**

You will be directed to a semiprivate testing station to take the examination. When you are seated at the testing station, you will be prompted to confirm your name, identification number, and the examination for which you are registered.

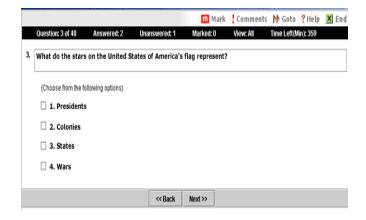
### **TUTORIAL**

Before you start your examination, an introductory tutorial to the computer and keyboard is provided on the computer screen. The time you spend on this tutorial, up to 15 minutes, DOES NOT count as part of your examination time. Sample questions are included as part of the tutorial so that you may practice using the keys, answering questions, and reviewing your answers.

One question appears on the screen at a time. During the examination, questions answered and minutes remaining will be displayed at the top of the screen and updated as you record your answers.

#### **EXAMINATION QUESTION EXAMPLE**

During the examination, you should press 1, 2, 3, or 4 to select your answer. You should then press "ENTER" to record your answer and move on to the next question. A sample question display follows:



# **EXAMINATION RESULTS**

At the end of your examination, a pass or fail result will be shown on the screen and you will receive a printed score report. Numerical (raw) scores are provided to all candidates. Your examination results are confidential and are released only to you and your state-licensing agency. To protect your privacy and to maintain the confidentiality of examination results, score information is not given over the telephone.

#### **PASSING SCORE**

Examinations often vary in difficulty depending on the form of the examination administered. For this reason, the passing score is determined using a criterion-referenced method rather than a set score or percentage. Applying the criterion-referenced method, the difficulty of each item on the examination is evaluated relative to the minimum competence standard for safe practice. As a result, the passing score is lower for difficult examinations, and is higher for easier examinations, providing a safeguard to both the candidate and the public.

### **FAILING SCORE REPORTS**

The score report will indicate the candidate's overall score and grade, including the number of items answered correctly.

#### **RE-APPLICATION PROCESS**

Candidates who fail the examination must submit a new application to the CFB with the required fee.

### **CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

Applicants and candidates must notify the CFB in writing of any change of address. Allow 30 days for the change of address to be processed.

## **EXAMINATION INTRODUCTION**

#### PURPOSE OF THE EXAMINATION

California law requires each candidate for licensure as an embalmer to pass an examination. The purpose of the examination is to determine whether the candidate has the knowledge needed to provide safe and effective services to the public. The examination addresses knowledge of the laws and regulations related to embalming public. The examination addresses knowledge of the laws and regulations related to embalming.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF PRACTICE**

California Business and Professions Code Section 7640 describes the practice of an embalmer as follows:

An embalmer is one who is duly qualified to disinfect or preserve human remains by the injection or external application of antiseptics, disinfectants or preservative fluids; to prepare human bodies for transportation which are dead of contagious or infectious diseases; and to use derma surgery or plastic art for restoring mutilated features; and who is duly licensed as an embalmer under the laws of the State of California.

#### **EXAMINATION DEVELOPMENT**

The examination is developed and maintained by the Department of Consumer Affairs, Office of Professional Examination Services (OPES). The individual test items are written by licensed embalmers under the guidance of OPES analysts.

# PREPARATION FOR THE EXAMINATION

The embalmer law examination is based upon an examination outline developed by licensed embalmers. The examination outline identifies the laws and regulations relevant to the practice of embalming in California. The examination contains 50 multiple-choice items and it has a time limit of 1 hour.

# EMBALMERS CALIFORNIA LAW AND REGULATION EXAM PLAN

Subarea	Associated Knowledge Code, Section, and Topic
1A. Scope of Practice (4%)	B&PC 7634 Tissue removal
	B&PC 7640 Embalmer description
	B&PC 7641 Embalmer licensure
1B. Preparation Room (10%)	CCR 1215 Attire while embalming
	CCR 1216(a)(b)(c)(d) Sanitation
	CCR 1221(a)(b) Care and preparation for burial
	CCR 1222 Embalming fluids
	CCR 1223(a)(b)(c)(d)(e) Embalming, preparation and storage rooms
	CCR 1223.1(a)(b)(c)(d)(e)(f)(g) Shared preparation and storage rooms
1C. Transportation 2%	CCR 1209 Ambulances, hearses, and first-call or pickup cars
	H&SC 7355(a)(b) Preparation and casket
1D. Death 2%	H&SC 7180(a)(1)(2)(b)(c) Determination of death
	H&SC 7181 Independent confirmation
	assesses the candidate's knowledge pertaining to the embalmer apprentice found in the California Code of Regulations (CCR).
2A. Requirements 10%	B&PC 7660 Apprentice description
	B&PC 7661 Apprentice application
	B&PC 7664 Certificates of apprenticeship
	B&PC 7666(a)(1)(2)(3)(b)(c)(d) Term of apprenticeship
	B&PC 7670(a)(1)(2)(3)(b)(1)(2)(3)(c) Apprenticeship funeral establishment
	CCR 1229(a)(b) Embalming by an apprentice
2B. Compliance 8%	B&PC 7662(a)(b)(c) Apprentice prerequisites
	B&PC 7665(a)(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)(6)(b) Apprentice requirements
	B&PC 7667(a)(b)(c)(d)(e)(f) Apprentice leaves-of-absence
	B&PC 7668(a)(b)(c)(d)(e)(f)(g)(h)(i) Revocation of certificate
	B&PC 7669 Apprentice reregistration
	sesses the candidate's knowledge of code pertaining to embalmer licensure found in the California Code of Regulations (CCR).
3A. Qualifications 4%	B&PC 7642 Application form
	B&PC 7643(a)(b)(c)(d)(e) Embalmer prerequisites
3B. Maintenance 6%	B&PC 7725 License renewal
	B&PC 7725.2 License expiration
	B&PC 7725.3 License suspension
	B&PC 7725.4 License revocation
	B&PC 7725.5 Non-renewal
	CCR 1203 Filing of addresses

4A. Facilities 6%	B&PC 7607 Authority to inspect
r domitios 0%	B&PC 7616(a)(2) Facilities description
	CCR 1258.2(a)(f) Rental caskets
4B. Authorizations & Certifications 14%	B&PC 7648 License to practice
4b. Authorizations & Certifications 14%	B&PC 7649 Certificate signature
	B&PC 7706 Refusal to surrender
	CCR 1214 Authorization for disposition with and without embalming
	H&SC 7300 Unknown cause of death
	H&SC 7301 Death involving crime
	H&SC 7302 Contagious case
	H&SC 7303 Death in motor vehicle
	H&SC 7304 Permission by controller of disposition
	H&SC 102805 Signature authorization
	H&SC 102875(6) Signature on certificate
IC. Posting 2%	B&PC 7680 Display license
ion rooting 2n	CCR 1255 Posting rules
5 Discipline 32% This content area assesses t found in the Business and Professions Code (B&P	he candidate's knowledge of code pertaining to the discipline of licensed embalm
5A. Bureau Action 12%	B&PC 7686 Authority to suspend or revoke license
	B&PC 7686.5 Accusation requirements
	B&PC 7687 Authority to investigate complaint
	B&PC 7690(a)(b)(c)(d)(e)(f) Disciplinary penalties
	B&PC 7691 Conviction of a crime
	B&PC 7693 False advertising
	B&PC 7708 Application denials
	B&PC 7711 Reinstatement authority
5B. Unprofessional Conduct 4%	B&PC 7700 Inappropriate language
	B&PC 7702 Reused casket
	B&PC 7707 Gross negligence or incompetence
5C. Misrepresentation 6%	B&PC 7692 Misrepresentation or fraud
	B&PC 7692.5 False statement of law
	B&PC 7693 False advertising
	B&PC 7699 Aiding or abetting unlicensed person
5D. Soliciting Business 6%	B&PC 7694 Solicitation at death
	B&PC 7695 Employment of solicitors
	B&PC 7696 Employment of solicitors
	B&PC 7697 Buying business by licensee
	B&PC 7716 Securing of business
	B&PC 7717 Securing of disposition business
	B&PC 7717.5 Securing of flower business

	B&PC 7718 Securing of embalmer business
	B&PC 7719 Misdemeanor penalties
5E. Human Remains Violations 4%	H&SC 7051 Removal of human remains
	H&SC 7051.5 Removal of valuables
	H&SC 7052(a)(b)(1)(2) Misuse of human remains
	H&SC 7208 Unlawful disposition

# APPENDIX A - BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE

#### SECTIONS 123 AND 496

- § 123. It is a misdemeanor for any person to engage in any conduct which subverts or attempts to subvert any licensing examination or the administration of an examination, including, but not limited to:
- (a) Conduct which violates the security of the examination materials; removing from the examination room any examination materials without authorization; the unauthorized reproduction by any means of any portion of the actual licensing examination; aiding by any means the unauthorized reproduction of any portion of the actual licensing examination; paying or using professional or paid examinationtakers for the purpose of reconstructing any portion of the licensing examination; obtaining examination questions or other examination material, except by specific authorization either before, during, or after an examination; or using or purporting to use any examination questions or materials which were improperly removed or taken from any examination for the purpose of instructing or preparing any applicant for examination; or selling, distributing, buying, receiving, or having unauthorized possession of any portion of a future, current, or previously administered licensing examination.
- (b) Communicating with any other examinee during the administration of a licensing examination; copying answers from another examinee or permitting one's answers to be copied by another examinee; having in one's possession during the administration of the licensing examination any books, equipment, notes, written or printed materials, or data of any kind, other than the examination materials distributed, or otherwise authorized to be in one's possession during the examination; or impersonating any examinee or having an impersonator take the licensing examination on one's behalf.

Nothing in this section shall preclude prosecution under the authority provided for in any other provision of law.

In addition to any other penalties, a person found guilty of violating this section, shall be liable for the actual damages sustained by the agency administering the examination not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) and the costs of litigation.

- (c) If any provision of this section or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, that invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the section that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this section are severable.
- § 496. A board may deny, suspend, revoke, or otherwise restrict a license on the ground that an applicant or licensee has violated Section 123 pertaining to subversion of licensing examinations.

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This handbook provides important information regarding written examination procedures and content. To schedule your examination, please refer to the instructions in this handbook.